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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/SE04/01183	12 August 2004	15 August 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION		
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF FOODSTUFFS WITH A GASEOUS MEDIUM FOR PROCESSING AND SUBSEQUENT DRYING		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - ☒ a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

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- \_\_\_\_ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- \_\_\_\_ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- \_\_\_\_ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- \_\_\_\_ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- \_\_\_\_ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- \_\_\_\_ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- \_\_\_\_ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- \_\_\_\_ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- X   11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- \_\_\_\_ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- X   13. A preliminary amendment. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. The "Amendments to the Claims" section adds 4 additional pages to the application, bringing the total number of pages to 27.
- X   14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- \_\_\_\_ 15. A substitute specification.
- \_\_\_\_ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- \_\_\_\_ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 – 1.825 is transmitted herewith in printed and computer-readable formats. The paper and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing are the same and do not contain new matter. Entry of the sequence listing into the application is requested. The paper copy comprises \_\_\_\_ additional pages.
- \_\_\_\_ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- \_\_\_\_ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- X   20. Other items or information: A copy of the International Search Report.

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The following fees are submitted:.				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	
21. <u>  X  </u> a) Basic national fee..... \$300				\$300	
22. <u>  X  </u> b) Examination fee				\$200	
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0.00					
All other situations.....\$200.00					
23. <u>  X  </u> c) Search fee				\$400	
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$900	
____ Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is <b>\$250.00</b> for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$1,180	
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- X   a. Check No. 169024 in the amount of \$1,180 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- X   c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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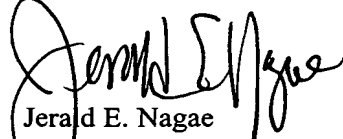
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